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Re: SN 09/840,722 "COMBINATORIAL OLIGONUCLEOTIDE PCR: A METHOD FOR RAPID, GLOBAL EXPRESSION ANALYSIS" – Michael C. MacLeod, et al.
(Client Ref.: IDR98:011)

Commissioner:

Enclosed for filing in the above-reference patent application is a Preliminary Amendment.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No.: 50-1212/10103571/DLP.

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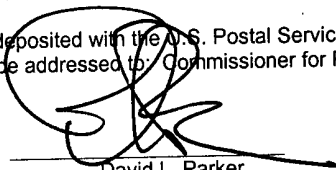
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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The Examiner is requested to enter the following amendments to the claims prior to examination on the merits. It is believed that no fees are required, however, if any fees are required, the Examiner is authorized to deduct such fees from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P.
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AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 5-19, 22, 30-35, 77-84, and amend the following claims as set forth: